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# Rubenstein Family Scholarship Program Policy Statement

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The Rubenstein Family Scholarship Program offers financial assistance for post-secondary education. Preference shall be given to new High School graduates who have been residents of the San Diego Jewish community for at least 2 years. Each year the program will grant approximately 10 – 15 scholarships of up to \$2,500 to applicants who meet the criteria of: financial need, student financial contribution, academic performance, and community involvement.

*It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all of the procedures established by the Scholarship Program. Failure to provide the following may render the application ineligible for consideration by the Scholarship Committee:*

- Financial and academic documents required for verification
- Meet application deadlines
- Notify the Scholarship Coordinator of any change in an applicant's financial situation, academic plans or standing.

Applications and supporting documents MUST be received and personal interviews MUST be scheduled on or before the following deadlines:

### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL – SPRING)**

- ♦ Applications MUST be received on or before **June 14, 2010**
- ♦ Personal interviews will be scheduled no later than **June 30, 2010**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER / SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS**

- ♦ Applications MUST be received on or before **October 15, 2010**
- ♦ Personal interviews will be scheduled no later than **October 29, 2010**

***Please Note: Applicant will be contacted for scheduling his or her personal interview.***

## **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

The following documents must accompany the application:

- Most Recent Grade Transcript** from January, 2010 or the most recent period completed at the high school or college level.
- Letter(s) of Recommendation** from principal, advisor, faculty member.
- Signed Student's Income Tax Return (Form 1040)** for the last calendar year.
- Signed Parents' Income Tax Return(s) (Form 1040)** if student is a dependent. If parents are divorced, income tax forms from **both** parents are required. Adjusted gross family income can not exceed \$90,000 for families with three or more children, \$80,000 for families with two children and \$70,000 for families with one child.
- A Copy of the School Financial Aid Award Notice** as well as copies of the College Scholarship Service's Student Aid Report (SAR) and documentation of determinations regarding Federal, State and private aid, as soon as they become available.\*
- Documentation of the Total Amount of All Student Loans To Date**, if any.

- A Copy of the Student's Anticipated Budget Provided by the School** detailing projected expenses for the coming year, when available.\*

\* Documentation from the preceding academic year should be provided for estimation purposes until the new Financial Aid Award Notice and budget become available.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Grades:** High School graduates must show a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average (on a 4-point scale). College Freshmen must show a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average. Juniors and up must show a 2.5 Grade Point Average for the most recent period completed.

**Financial Aid from Other Sources:** Students are expected to apply for, and notify the JFS Scholarship Program Coordinator, of any other financial assistance for which they may be eligible from the Federal and State Governments, the school and any other sources.

**Applicant's Contribution:** Students are expected to earn and contribute toward their education an amount equal to the scholarship award. This may be through summer and/or school year employment, unless the required course load makes it impossible to work and the student is attending summer school rather than working.

**Residency:** Each applicant must be a resident of San Diego County, as determined by the following: Independent students and families of dependent student must have lived in San Diego for a two-year period prior to enrolling in college. Exceptional cases may be considered if circumstances warrant.

**Community Involvement:** Preference given to applicants with public service, volunteer experience.

**Personal Interview:** The Scholarship Coordinator will conduct an interview with each qualified applicant.

### **ADDITIONAL POLICY INFORMATION**

1. Scholarships can be granted for attendance at any accredited undergraduate college or vocational school.
2. Students may receive up to a total of four (4) years of Rubenstein Family Scholarship Program funding, and the funding years do not have to be consecutive. The scholarship is intended to support high school graduates going on to college or vocational training.
3. A student's status as dependent or independent will be based on the guidelines set forth by the College Scholarship Service. For a student age 22 or younger, to have "independent" status, the student's parents cannot have claimed him or her as "dependent" on their Income Tax Returns for the two (2) years prior to the year of college attendance.
4. Scholarships are made on a year-to-year basis and are NOT automatically renewed. Scholarship recipients must submit a new application and the required documentation in compliance with the application deadlines, stated herein, for each year that they seek funding.

### **Applicant's Acknowledgement**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to:

Attention: Scholarship Coordinator  
Jewish Family Service of San Diego  
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